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Madam:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated October 10, 2003. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.